

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLINAGARE**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 09-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	16	17
The Built Environment	40	18	17
Landscaping	40	10	12
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	10
Litter Control	40	10	13
Tidiness	20	8	9
Residential Areas	30	13	13
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	17
General Impression	10	4	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>113</b>

## **Ballinagare, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

It is appreciated that a committee of 3 can only do so much and if there is, as you state, a general lack of enthusiasm, it is not encouraging, but you should continue your efforts and try and involve more people in the competition. If you are to progress, a five year plan it is a must.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The National School is a great improvement and congratulations to all involved. Perhaps the students could take an interest in the Tidy Towns competition. Sadly however other buildings in the village need improvement and some that were improved last year are now beginning to deteriorate again, e.g. the Old Forge and the adjacent grey painted farm buildings. While some houses are very well maintained, others are not and derelict buildings, e.g. the old School and Church on the Frenchpark Road reduce the overall effect.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The approach road from Castlerea is the most attractive entrance to the village and there is a well maintained sign with flower bed. The sign on the Tulsk Road is not legible. The new paved footpath is an improvement, but the rusty bus sign is still there. The bridge on the Tulsk Road is a nice feature. The adjacent flower beds were weed ridden and badly maintained, as unfortunately were the others on the main street. It was noted that attention was paid to some comments in last year's reports and that the poles near the Church and the old Lantern on the Main Street have been removed.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

No evidence of work in this area, but the potential is there. The information board mentioned in your application form has not been erected.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

More litter bins, which should be emptied on a regular basis, are needed, those on the Main Street were overflowing. It was noted that the household "wheelie bins" had just been emptied on the day, but the litter bins on the street had not. A litter bin is badly needed near the Community Centre, as the adjacent field had numerous plastic bottles, cans, etc.

## **TIDINESS**

There are areas where tidiness could be improved, e.g. the Old Church yard with the derelict machinery, parts of the Castlerea Road, the pump area and the bench seating. The grass verges and margins had been treated with weed killer, but the dead weeds had not been removed.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Many property owners are doing a good job, but others are not putting in the effort.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

It was noted in your application that this category had not changed since the last adjudication. Some general improvements would be welcome and could almost certainly herald a mark increase.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Very difficult for a committee of three to motivate the whole village, but keep trying. Unfortunately Ballinagare, with the notable exception of the School, is not improving.